

5 September 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Warner

SUBJECT: Pending Legislative Counsel Business

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1. General Congressional Contacts. We didn't have many Congressmen or Senators down to lunch this year. The Director is not too fond of this method of getting acquainted and generally maintaining friendly relations. He is willing to do it from time to time, however, if it seems to be the best way of arranging a meeting. One Senator the Director definitely will want to see is Thurmond. (See attachment #1). I made a few attempts to make contact during this past session but Cushman was absent when I tried and the Senator was pretty much preoccupied with Civil Rights. I should think the best psychological moment would be early in the next Session. I assume you will also want to explore with the Director the [ ] business we have discussed. We tried repeatedly to get Chairman Dawson of House Government Operations down here for lunch, but we never could land him. I think we should try again early next year. After the Director and Dawson get together, I believe the Director should pay a visit to John McCormack, the Majority Leader. I have felt that the Director should also go up and informally brief the Speaker and Joe Martin and the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and that this should be done early in the session. The Director didn't react unfavorably to this suggestion, but he indicated that he wanted to discuss it first with Chairmen Russell and Vinson, which we never had a chance to do this year. I believe he should be reminded of this. I trust you will handle the matter of calling Francis Walter shortly after the Director's return.

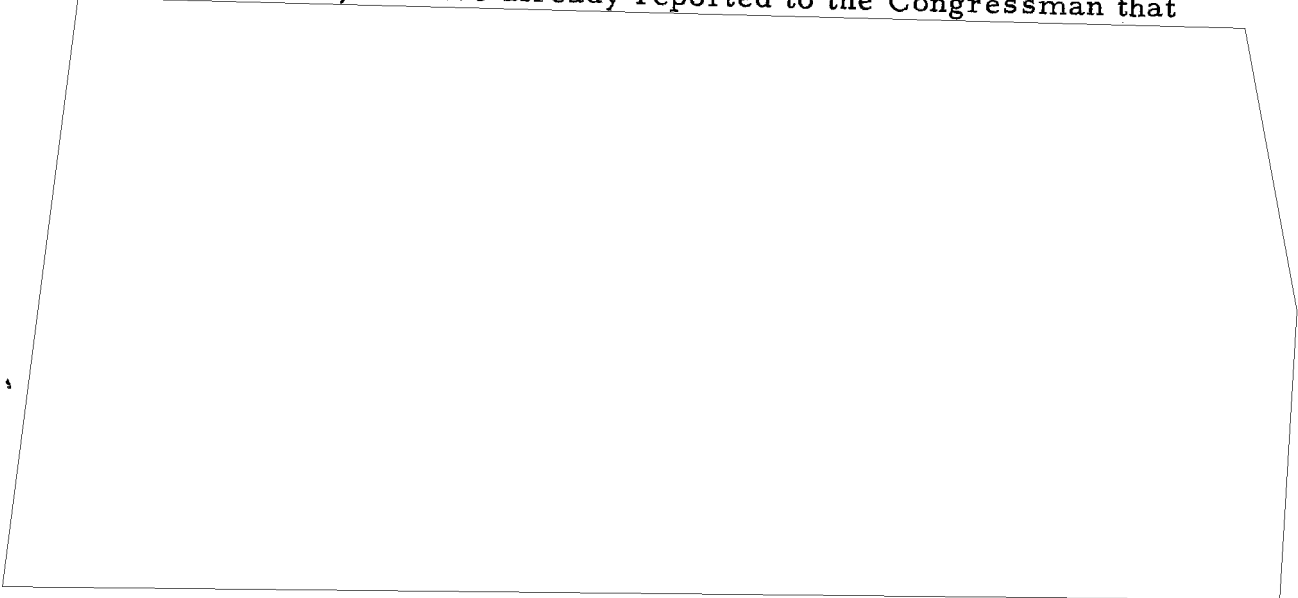
2. Briefings and Debriefings after Trips Abroad. Barbara is keeping a card file on congressional trips abroad on official business. We are working out an arrangement whereby OO Contact Division will debrief those who go to their homes directly from their trips abroad. We have been handling the debriefings here in Washington with the help of OCR Liaison. I will explain this to you in more detail.

3. Legislation. As of about a month ago, when we had our last contact with the Bureau on the subject, the last point of difference was on the proposed accelerated retirement provisions. Our proposal was contained in Section 5 of a draft bill dated 21 March 1957 (Attachment #2). The history of our discussions and negotiations with the Bureau and with the Civil Service Commission on this retirement provision is long and complicated. The net of it, however, is that the Commission would not approve of any special accelerated retirement provision for CIA employees which does not have more general application to other agencies or other broad categories of employees. When confronted with the fact that the Foreign Service has such a special program and that USIA was permitted to request similar authority of the Congress, the Commission simply said that the fact that others were able to get away with it does not make it right. The Bureau of the Budget people, particularly Spencer Platt, have been considerably more reasonable, but they too would only be willing to approve an accelerated retirement provision which is considerably watered-down from our original proposals.

STAT I believe that Larry Houston and you and [ ] and I should sit down and discuss this whole legislative problem. There are important considerations of tactics and strategy which have to be resolved before we start pulling together proposals for the next Session of the Congress.

4. Inquiry from Congressman Santangelo. This refers to a letter from the Congressman to the Director dated 1 August 1957. (Attachment #3). I have already reported to the Congressman that

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Attachments #1, #2 and #3